Build a Monterrey Side Table

Free DIY Woodworking Plans to Build a Monterrey Side Table

The free DIY woodworking plans to build a Monterrey Side Table are incredibly easy… In fact, I built the table in a day! It took longer to finish it than it did to build but I am extremely happy with the results! I like that it has three drawers which is plenty of room for storing odds and ends. Plus, it would be fabulous as a nightstand!

I painted mine in a rusty red mistake paint I had in the closet. I wiped Vaseline on the areas where I didn’t want the paint to stick. I applied vinyl decals to the top and drawer fronts, then put a final coat of paint in a turquoise-y mistake paint. I used my trusty sanding sponge to remove the paint from the edges and the Vaseline areas, then added knobs I spray painted using Rust-Oleum’s 2x Ultra Cover in Dark Walnut. I love the way it came out with a bohemian look!

Materials:

- 1-1/4″ pocket hole screws
- 1-1/4″ brad nails
- 3 sets of 12″ drawer slides
- 3 drawer pulls
- Finishing supplies

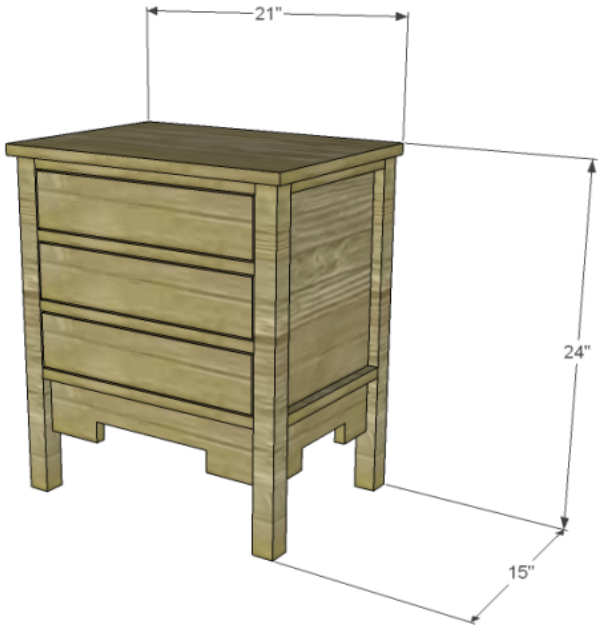
Lumber:

- 2 – 1×2 at 8′
- 1 – 1×6 at 6′
- 1 – 2×2 at 8′

- 1 sheet of 3/4″ plywood

Cut List:

- 4 – 2×2 at 23-1/4″ – Legs
- 4 – 1×2 at 11-1/2″ – Side Frames
- 2 – 1×6 (ripped to 4″ wide) at 11-1/2″ – Side Aprons
- 2 – 3/4″ plywood at 11-1/2″ x 13-1/2″ – Side Frames
- 6 – 1×2 at 17″ – Back Frame & Front Stretchers
- 1 – 3/4″ plywood at 13-1/2″ x 17″ – Back Panel
- 2 – 1×6 (ripped to 4″ wide) at 17″ – Front & Back Aprons
- 1 – 3/4″ plywood at 15″ x 21″ – Top
- 3 – 3/4″ plywood at 10-1/2″ x 14-1/2″ – Drawer Bottoms
- 6 – 3/4″ plywood at 3″ x 10-1/2″ – Drawer Box Sides
- 6 – 3/4″ plywood at 3″ x 16″ – Drawer Box Front & Back
- 3 – 3/4″ plywood at 3-3/4″ x 16-3/4″ – Drawer Fronts

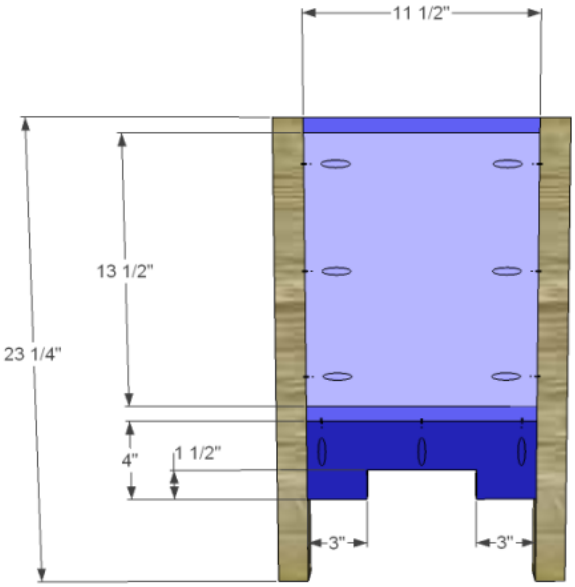


Click on the drawings for a larger view!

Step One

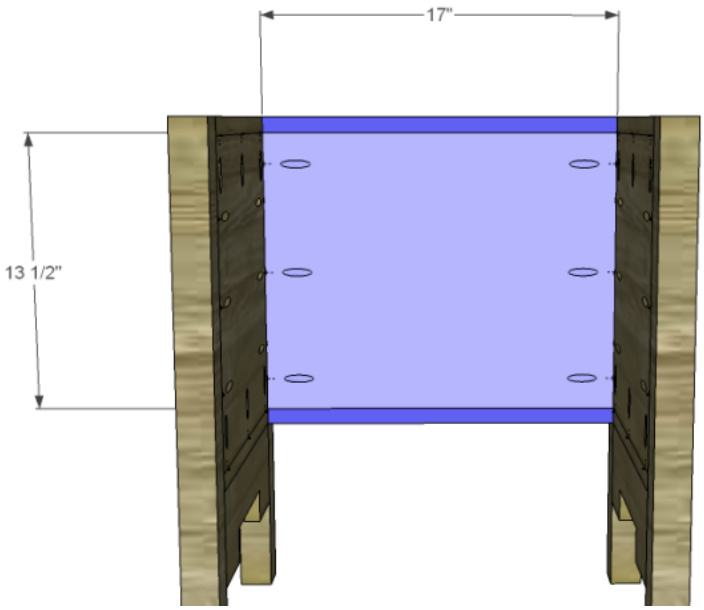
Cut the pieces for the legs, the side frames, the side panels, and the side aprons. Cut the notch in the aprons using a jigsaw, then drill pocket holes in the edge opposite the

notch. Drill pocket holes in each end of the frame pieces as well as each side of the panels. Attach the frame pieces to the top and bottom of the panels using glue and 1-1/4″ brad nails. (This way, there won't be as many pocket holes to drill!) Orient the pocket holes in the frame pieces so they are facing away from the center panel and position the pieces so the back edge of the panel is flush with the back edge of the frame pieces. Attach to the legs as shown using glue and 1-1/4″ pocket hole screws. Attach the apron to the bottom frame piece using glue and 1-1/4″ pocket hole screws. The back face of the apron will be flush with the back edge of the frame piece – in line with the panel!



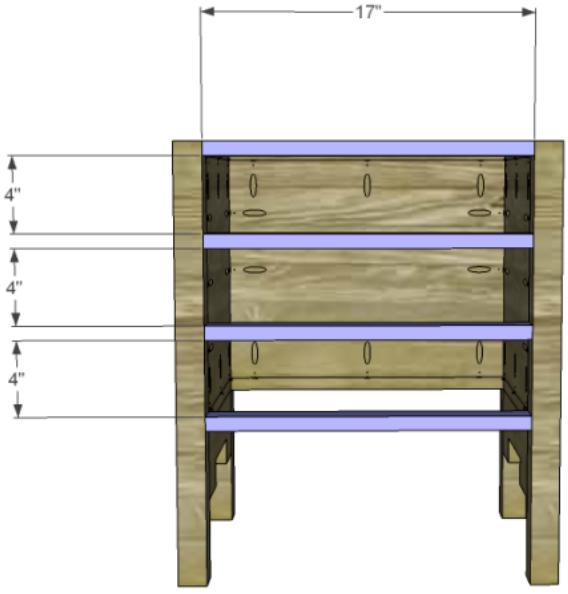
Step Two

Cut the pieces for the back frame and the back panel. Drill pocket holes in each end of the frame pieces as well as each side of the panel. Attach the frame pieces to the top and bottom of the panel using glue and 1-1/4″ brad nails. Position the pieces so the back edge of the panel is flush with the back edge of the frame pieces.



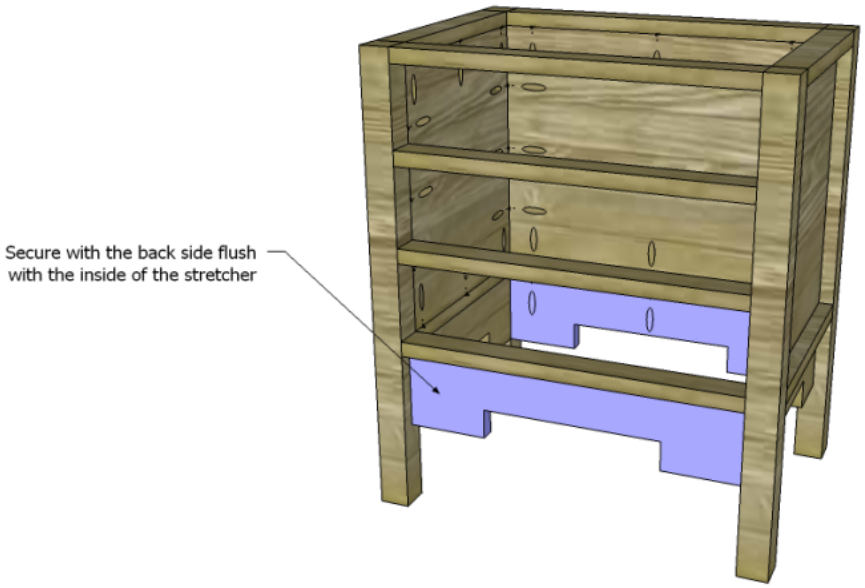
Step Three

Cut the pieces for the front stretchers as well as the front and back aprons. Cut the notch in the aprons using a jigsaw, then drill pocket holes in the edge opposite the notch. Attach the aprons to the front legs using glue and 1-1/4″ pocket hole screws, then attach the aprons with glue and 1-1/4″ pocket hole screws.



Step Four

Cut the pieces for the front and back lower trim. Drill pocket holes in each end, and secure to the legs using glue and 1-1/4″ pocket hole screws. Position the trim pieces so that the back faces are flush with the inside faces of the stretchers.



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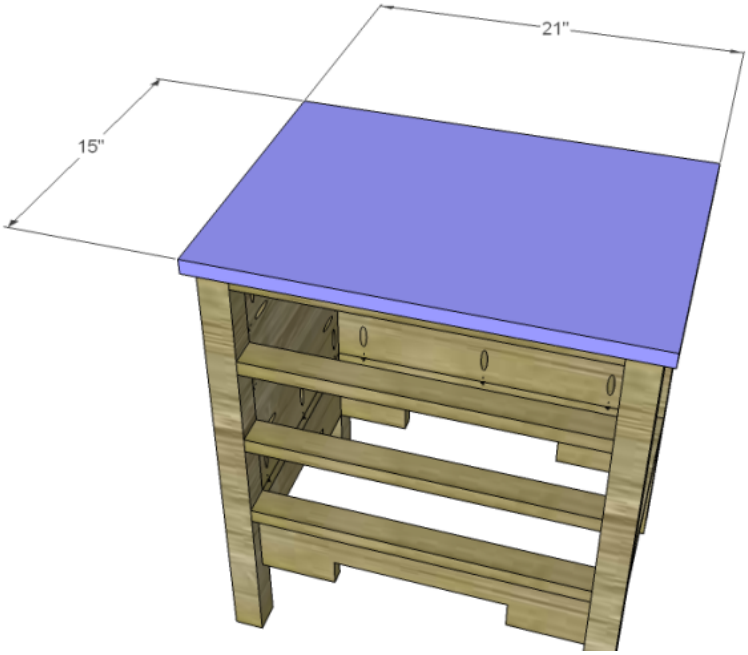
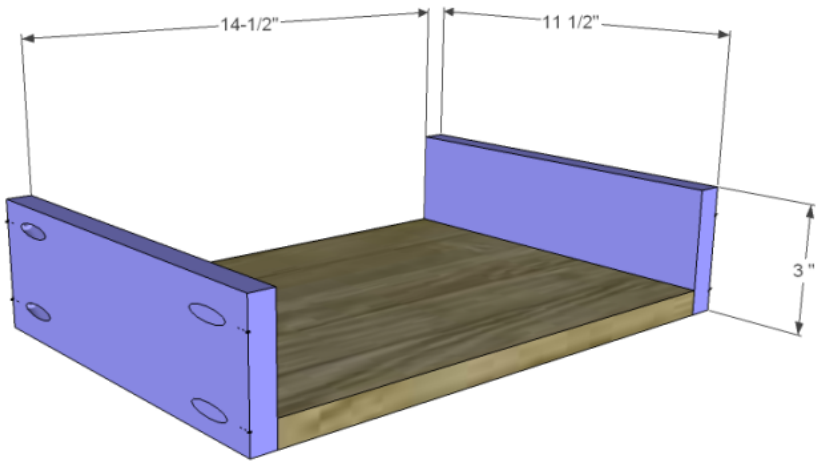
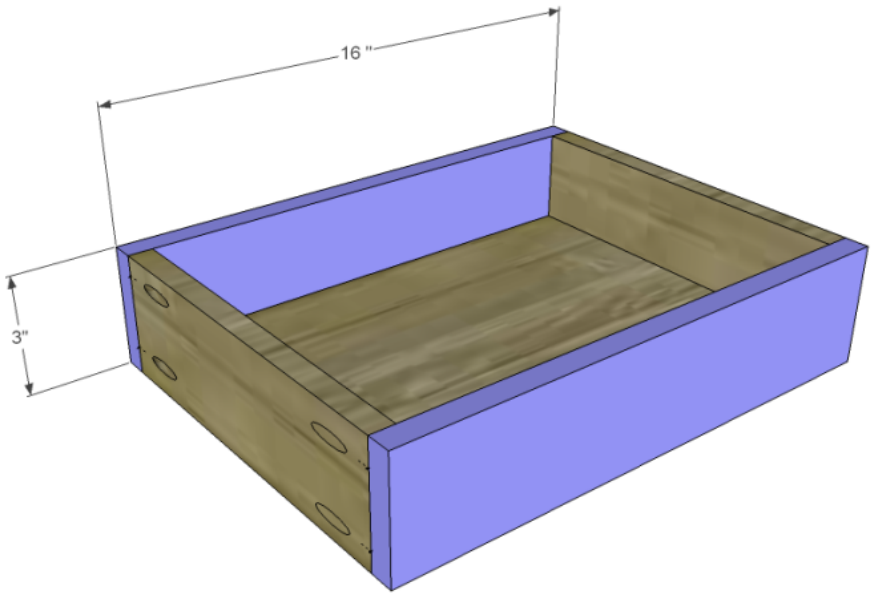
Cut the piece for the top. Position so that 1/2″ over hangs the sides and front, then secure using glue and 1-1/4″ brad nails.



Step Six

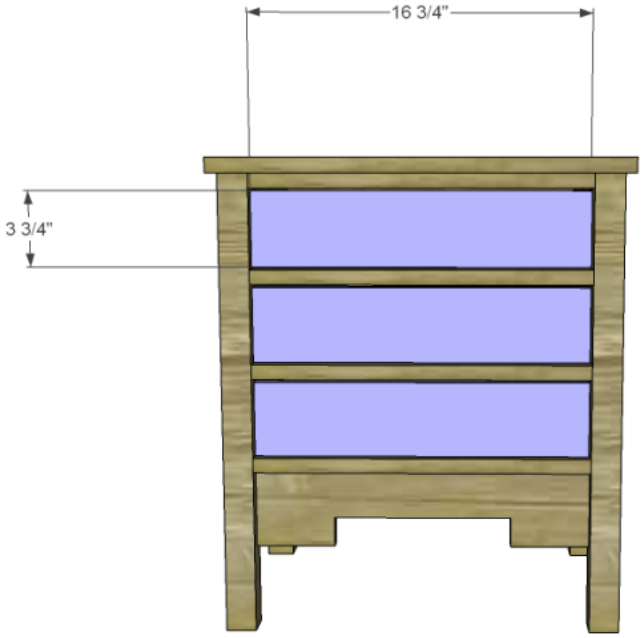
Cut the pieces for the drawer boxes. Drill pocket holes in each end of the sides as well as all four edges of the bottom. Assemble as shown using glue and 1-1/4″ pocket hole screws. Install the drawer slides according to the manufacturer's installation instructions. For an easy tutorial on installing drawer slides, click here. Make any necessary adjustments.





Step Seven

Cut the pieces for the drawer fronts. For an easy tutorial on installing drawer fronts, click here. Install the drawer pulls.



Finish as desired!

I really love the table I built from these free DIY woodworking plans to build a Monterrey Side Table, and I'm

sure you will, too! I think a pair would make excellent nightstands… Have any questions? Contact me at cher {at} designsbystudioc {dot} com!

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